Montessori Schools New Jersey

The Westmont Montessori School provides an environment that fosters independence, self-esteem, integrity, and personal responsibility. Our Montessori curriculum empowers each child by providing the foundation to excel academically, to develop respect for self and others, and to value the world in which we live. Self-confidence and a lifelong love of learning characterize the Westmont graduate.

Welcome to The Westmont Montessori School website. We are proud to be the second oldest Montessori school in New Jersey. Our school has grown from a tiny seed in a rented church basement to a beautiful, full-grown campus in the heart of Morris County in North West New Jersey.

The Journey Begins

Westmont's Toddler program provides children who are two years old by the first of October with an opportunity to explore their growing world with an age-appropriate curriculum. Gross and fine motor skills are carefully monitored as activities are presented to aid each child in the development of their physical abilities. Practical life skills, such as buttoning and pouring, aid not only in the development and strengthening of the hand, but also in the child's self-confidence as they learn to become more independent.

The Journey of Discovery

In the Early Childhood classrooms, children ages 3-6 are combined to form a community of learners. This three year cycle allows children to experience growing up with the same children and teacher for several years, provides learning and mentoring opportunities for the children, and teaches compassion and patience.

The Journey to Success

Kindergarten students at Westmont Montessori have the benefit of two classrooms. Children spend half of their school day in the Early Childhood (EC) classroom, where they are looked up to by the younger students as the role models in the room, giving them the opportunity to develop amazing leadership skills and confidence at an early age. During their day in the EC room, students receive individual lessons, designed to meet each child at their level, especially in math and language arts instruction.

The other half of our Kindergartener's day is spent in the Kindergarten (K) classroom. This class provides an opportunity for our oldest students to have additional, focused instruction in all subjects including reading, handwriting, social studies, math, science, Spanish, and drama. Many of the lessons and projects in the K class are done with the whole group and allow children to practice their social skills with a classroom full of same-aged children.

Special Classes

Seeking opportunities to expand the child's world, a variety of classes, taught by specialists, are included in our Early Childhood and Kindergarten programs. These include:

Music:

Every student benefits from an expansive music repertoire that includes themes such as rhythm, seasonal songs, exposure to renowned composers, and multicultural music.

Movement:

Our Movement program encourages children to refine their gross motor skills by participating in activities that are fun, imaginative, challenging, and developmentally appropriate.

Spanish:

Children enjoy many aspects of a foreign language such as vocabulary, culture, games, and songs.

Art:

In addition to art activities provided in the classroom, frequently the children have an enriching hands-on experience in art media, provided by our Artist-in-Residence.

Drama:

Kindergarten students engage in a dramatic performance each year after learning about the elements of the theater.

For more information please visit http://www.westmontmontessori.org